

**ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
STATUTORY COMMITTEE**

PRACTICE DIRECTION 02/07- COSTS

On 26 July 2007, the Chairman of the Statutory Committee (Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC) issued the following Practice Direction:

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- 1. In accordance with paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2 to the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007, the Statutory Committee is now empowered to award costs and expenses against parties to the proceedings before it.**
- 2. In order to assist the Statutory Committee in the exercise of its costs jurisdiction, any party to the hearing seeking costs should serve on the other party, and on the secretary to the Committee, a Schedule of Costs or Expenses.**
- 3. The Schedule of Costs or Expenses must be served no later than 24 hours before the date of the hearing.**
- 4. In the event of the Society seeking costs, any registrant appearing before the Committee is required to complete a Statement of Means form before the hearing.**
- 5. In the event of an application for costs or expenses being made against a registrant, the Committee Secretary will ask that registrant, or his representative, to hand over the completed Statement of Means form.**
- 6. In exercising its costs jurisdiction, the Committee will take into consideration both the existing case law on the award of costs in disciplinary and regulatory proceedings, and the ability to pay of the party against whom the costs are being claimed.”**

Notes:

1. This direction shall apply with immediate effect.

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Secretary to the Statutory Committee